



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Civil Rights

Date: July 9, 2014

To: Council Member Blong Yang, Chair
Public Safety, Civil Rights and Emergency Management

Referral to: Public Hearing, Full Council

Subject: **Appointments to** Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights

Recommendation: The Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights respectfully requests to set a public hearing on July 9, 2014 for the City Council to approve the following *Mayoral and Council* appointments and amend previous appointments to reflect correct term length.

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Presenters in Committee: Toni Newborn, Interim Assistant Director

Appointee Name and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward Home=H Work=W	Term Number of years	Term Beginning/ Ending	Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing
Amy Bergquist	Mayor	H=3	4	Immediately- 12/31/2017	Seat 1
Thomas Gallagher	Mayor	H=10	4	Immediately- 12/31/2017	Seat 2
Mitra Nelson	Mayor	H=1	4	Immediately- 12/31/2017	Seat 3
Christine Peters	Mayor	H=10	4	Immediately- 12/31/2017	Seat 4
Michael Pfarr	Mayor	H=8	4	Immediately- 12/31/2017	Seat 6
Elizabeth Loeb	Council	H=3	2	Immediately- 12/31/2015	Seat 14

Re/Appointment Name and Category, if any	Appointed By Mayor or Council	Ward Hence If Ward W.	Term Hence If Ward W.	Term Hence If Ward W.	Term Hence If Ward W.
Wendy Adler Robinson	Mayor	H=8		9/1/2014- 12/31/2017	Seat 5
Arlene Santiago	Council	12	3	01/01/2013 - 12/31/2015	Seat 8
Lonnie Nichols	Mayor	2	3	01/01/2013 - 12/31/2015	Seat 11
Liban Abdulkadir	Council	9	3	01/01/2014- 12/31/2016	Seat 15
Iris Altamirano	Mayor	1	3	01/01/2014- 12/31/2016	Seat 17
Laura Baldwin (Attorney)	Council	8	3	01/01/2014- 12/31/2016	Seat 18
Reanne Viken	Mayor	1	3	01/01/2014- 12/31/2016	Seat 20
Donald Joseph	Mayor	7	3	01/01/2014- 12/31/2016	Seat 21

Background Information: (number of vacancies, number of applications, and composition of membership)

The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights was first established by ordinance in 1947, and then re-established in 1975 for the purpose of carrying forward the policies of the City in the fields of human relations, promotion of civil rights, and the enforcement of the provisions set forth in the Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance.

Vacancies

The Commission on Civil Rights is a 21 member body with 7 Commissioners appointed by the City Council; the remaining 14 members are appointed by the Mayor. Eighteen Minneapolis residents applied to serve on the Commission; there are currently seven vacancies. To make Wendy Adler Robinson's term consistent with the 2012 approved ordinance, it is requested that her term is extended until December 31, 2014. Amy Bergquist, Thomas Gallagher, Mitra Nelson, Christine Peters and Michael Pfarr will fulfill the remainder of Commissioners' terms who have resigned and the next term. A committee has met and carefully considered the applicants; we request that these commissioners be appointed.

Amendments

On November 28, 2012, Arlene Santiago was appointed by the Mayor; however, the correct appointing authority should be Council. Furthermore, Lonnie Nichols was appointed by the Council; however, the correct appointing authority should be Mayor.

On December 13, 2013, Liban Abdulkadir, Iris Altamirano, Laura Baldwin (Attorney), Reanne Viken and Donald Joseph were appointed to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term length of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017. However, the correct term length should be January 1, 2014-December 31, 2016.